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The World will be at an End.



WH E N our blessed Lord and Sayi-
our by the Vertue of an hypostati-
cal Union, whereby his Huma-
nity was mixt with his divine Na-
ture, conversed with Mankind on
Earth, the evangelical Story tell us, that in his
Discourse on the Day of Judgment he said,
*Heaven and Earth shall pass away : But of that
Day and that Hour knoweth no Man ; no not the
Angels who are in Heaven, neither the Son, but
the Father. Mar. xiii. 31, 32.* Nevertheless
some learned Men have been so inquisitive as
to find out when the Dissolution of all Things
shall happen, and have predicted the very Year
when this immense Fabrick of the World will

receive its *Exit*; among whom is *Napier*, who, in his *Discovery of the Revelation of St. John*, pag. 21, foretold that the End of the World should fall out in the Year of *Christ* 1700; however, he is deceiv'd in his Prediction, and perhaps too may those *Rabbins*, who affirm that the World shall stand but 6000 Years, and then it shall be consum'd by Fire; that is to say, it shall remain 2000 Years without the Law, 2000 Years under the Law, and 2000 Years under the Gospel.

However, let the End of the World be limited to any certain Time, that limited Time may be shorten'd; for the Disciples of our Saviour asking him, *What shall be the Sign of thy coming, and of the End of the World?* Jesus said unto them, *Ye shall hear of Wars and rumours of Wars: Nation shall rise against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom, and there shall be Famines, and Pestilences, and Earthquakes in divers Places. Many false Prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the World, for a Witness unto all Nations, and then shall the End come. Then shall be great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the World to this Time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those Days shall be shortened, there should no Flesh be saved: but for the Elects sake those Days shall be shortened, Matt. xxiv. 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 21, 22.*

Thus we know not how soon or late the Last Day may come, for the World (as *Aristotle* holds)

holds) is not eternal, we ought to be prepar'd for it, and dread that all *Phænomena*, or Appearances in the Heavens may be the Signal of the Day of Judgment; for then (as the Prophets tell us) *the Stars of Heaven, and the Constellations thereof shall not give their Light; the Sun shall be darkned in his going forth, and the Moon shall not cause her Light to shine, Isa. xiii. 10. I will cover the Heaven, and make the Stars thereof dark: I will cover the Sun with a Cloud, and the Moon shall not give her Light. All the bright Lights of Heaven will I make dark, and set darknes upon thy Land, Ezek. xxxii. 7, 8. I will shew Wonders in the Heavens, and in the Earth, Blood and Fire and Pillars of Smoak. The Sun shall be turned into Darknes, and the Moon into Blood, before the terrible Day of the Lord come. The Sun and the Moon shall be darkned, and the Stars shall withdraw their shining, Joel ii. 30, 31. and iii. 15. Three of the Evangelists also declare what Prodigies shall preceed Doomesday in these Words. Immediately after the Tribulation of those Days shall the Sun be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her Light and the Stars shall fall from Heaven, and the Powers of the Heaven shall be shaken, Mat. xxiv. 29. The Sun shall be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her Light. And the Stars of Heaven shall fall, and the Powers that be in Heaven shall be shaken, Mar. xiii. 24, 25. And there shall be Signs in the Sun, and in the Moon, and in the Stars, and upon the Earth Distress of Nations,*
with

with Perplexity, the Sea and the Waves roaring,
Mens Hearts failing them for Fear, and for look-
ing after those Things which are coming on the
Earth, for the Powers of Heaven shall be shaken.
Luk. xxi. 25, 26.

In what manner the World shall be dissolv'd
the Scriptures plainly tell us in these Texts,
Behold, the Day cometh that shall burn as an Oven,
Mal. iv. 1. *The Day of the Lord will come*
as a Thief in the Night, in the which the
Heavens shall pass away with a great Noise, and
the Elements shall melt with fervent heat, the
Earth also and the Works that are therein shall
be burnt up, 2 Pet. iii. 10. The very Ethnicks
had some knowledge of this Doctrine of the
World's Dissolution by Fire, for *Lucan* in his
Pharsalia sings of it; and *Ovid* hints on this
general Conflagration in these Words.

Esse quoque in fatis reminiscitur, affore tempus,
Quo mare, quo tellus, correptaque regia cæli,
Ardeat; & mundi moles operosa laboret.

Met. Lib. I.

As the Sun is a fiery Body, which animates
all Things with his great Heat, when he suffers
the strong and final Convulsions of Nature,
whereby he's forc'd from his natural Orb, it
may reasonably be suppos'd that then will be
the Destruction of this Terrestrial Fabrick; and
thus much that Poetical Fiction seems to inti-
mate, which describes *Phaeton's* setting the
World

World on Fire, by overturning the Chariot of *Phæbus*. Now this Conflagration may come to pass when an Eclipse of the Sun happens, as well as at any other Time; yet I must acknowledge that Eclipses, whether Solar or Lunar, proceed but from natural Causes, excepting that universal one happening at the Death of *Christ*, which was supernatural, because it was then at the Full of the Moon; and therefore (as *Blundevile* observes in his Exercises, pag. 308) *Dionysius*, a Senator of *Athens*, who afterwards converted the *French* to the *Christian* Faith, beholding that Eclipse, cry'd out, *Either God this Day suffers, or else the World must needs perish for ever: for from the sixth Hour there was darkness all over the Land unto the ninth Hour*, Matt. xxvii. 45. Besides (as *Baildon* relates in his Wonders of the World, pag. 92.) during this Eclipse there was such a great Earthquake, that it threw down and ruin'd Twelve Towns in *Asia*, besides an infinite of other Buildings.

The Antients were very ignorant concerning the Cause of Eclipses, for the *Theffalians* imagin'd that the Moon left her Orb, and came down here to walk amongst Mortals, when she disappear'd to their Eye-sight by an Eclipse; and in these latter Ages the People in *America* are not much wiser concerning the Cause of these Celestial Defects, for in *Bisnagar*, a Country of *India*, an Eclipse of the Sun happening on the 10th of *July* in the Year 1600, the Bra-

menes, or *Indian* Priests, said it was by means of the *Dragon*, which they make a Celestial Sign, his biting the Sun and Moon; whereupon the King and others did neither eat nor drink that Day, but deplor'd their Misery, as supposing the *Dragon* had devour'd the Sun. In the *Philippina* Isles in *Asia* if an Eclipse of the Sun or Moon happen, the Inhabitants howl and make piteous Lamentation, persuading themselves, that their King, or some great Man amongst them, will die: Experience whereof was on the 6th of *August*, in the Year 1599, when the Moon being Eclipsed about 8 of the Clock at Night, they every one then by crying out in strange Gestures, praying and beating their Basons and Drums, expressed a lamentable Passion of Grief, for the Fear aforesaid; but the Eclipse being past, and seeing that neither the King nor any other was dead, a solemn Festival was kept the next Day by old and young of all Sorts. They esteem'd it (*Purchas* relates in his Pilgrimage, *lib. 5. cap. 16.*) as a Miracle, when the *Hollanders* told them that there were Men in their Country which could prognosticate of Eclipses long before they came to pass; and *Columbus* used the Simplicity of the *Jamaicans* to his Preservation, for when they forsook him he threaten'd them with God's Anger, whereof they should see an evident Token in the darkening of the Moon within two Days, which according to the natural Revolution of the Heavens (known well enough

nough to him) coming to pass, those Islanders with Dread and Fear shew'd all Readiness to serve him.

An Eclipse of the Sun (as well as that of the Moon) proceeds only from natural Causes; and is nothing else but the direct Interposition of the Body of the Moon between our Sight and the Sun; for the Moon being a dense, solid, and opacuous Body, and not transparent, coming betwixt the Sun and the Earth, which is always in a Conjunction, doth thereby hide more or less of the Sun's bright shining Body from our Sight; but yet the Sun is not Eclipsed in every Conjunction, but when it falls in, or near to the Head or Tail of the Dragon. And it may sometime fall out, that the Sun may suffer two total and central Eclipses, in the space of 6 Months, one of which happening (as *Wing* and *Leybourn* shew in their *Urania Practica*, pag. 44) before the Sun's *Apogæon*, and the other after, in which case there may happen no Full Moon eclipsed that Year. Now it cannot be universal, as the Moon's Eclipse is, but may appear in one Climate a great Eclipse, in another it may be lesser, and in other some no Eclipse at all, and that at the self same instant, because the Eclipse of the Sun depends principally on the Parallax of the Moon, which is different in every Climate; and seeing that the Sun far exceeds the Earth in bigness, and the Earth far exceeds the Moon, therefore the Cone of the *Earth's* Shadow, cannot take a-

way, or hide the whole Body of the Sun from all parts of the *Earth*, but one part only shall observe the same to be total, or of like Quantity. Hence it may appear that the Sun loses no Light, but only we are deprived of the same, by the Interposition of the Moon's terreneal Body, as above hinted, and therefore *Astronomers* define that it is, *Interceptio luminis solaris profecta, ex interposita Lunæ inter Solem atque aspectum nostrum*. And thus an Eclipse (Mr. *Street* tells us in his *Astronomia Carolina*, pag. 118) was observed at *Rome*, on the 9th of *April*, in the Year 1567, wherein the whole Body of the Moon interposed between the Sun and the Beholders Sight.

As concerning the Effects portended by Eclipses, it is manifest, and even experience in all Ages hath infallibly taught us, That they have their Influences and Operations, and have always been attended vvith some notable Events and Sequels, which have been plentifully fulfilled in this Kingdom, as vvell as others conterminate. Do but peruse *Junctin*, *Origanus*, *Bonatus*, or other *Astrologers*, and you shall find that Eclipses have great Influences. *Alstedius* in his *Chronology* tells us, cap. 47, pag. 321, that *Anno mundi* 3230. an Eclipse of the Sun happen'd, after which the Kingdom of *Israel* began to decline. *Anno Mundi* 3469, an Eclipse happen'd, just before *Xerxes* was beaten at *Thermopylæ* and *Salamine*. *Anno Mundi* 3470. an Eclipse of the Sun happen'd, vvhen *Xerxes* was

vvas beaten again. *Anno Mundi* 3519, so great
 an Eclipse of the Sun happen'd, just before the
Peloponnesian War broke out vvith the *Atheni-*
nians, that the Stars vvere plainly seen at
 Noon-Day. *Anno Mundi* 3526, an Eclipse of
 the Sun happen'd in the 8th Year of the *Pelo-*
ponnesian War. *Anno Mundi* 3546, an Eclipse
 of the Sun happen'd just before *Athens* vvas
 taken by *Lysander*. Again, (as *Ptolomy* vvrites
 in his *Geography*, lib. 1. cap. 4.) an Eclipse of
 the Moon happen'd at the 5th Hour of the
 Night, in *Arbela*, a Tovvn of *Assyria*, vvhere
Alexander the Great then overcame *Darius* the
 last King of the *Persians*. Next *Bucholcer*, in
 his *Chronological Index*, shewvs us, That there
 happen'd Eclipses of the Sun a little before the
 Emperor *Augustus* Died : On the Birth-Day of
Claudius ; vvhen the five first Years of *Nero's*
 Reign ended ; on the Day of *Nerva's* Death ;
 a little before the Death of *Paul*, the first *Her-*
mite, who died in above the Hundredth Year
 of his Age ; and just before *John Huss*, a *Bo-*
hemian was burnt by an Order of the Council
 of *Constance*, for disowning the Errors of the
 Church of *Rome*. Moreover, Eclipses of the
 Moon have Fatal Effects ; for in the first Year
 after our Saviour's Nativity, according to the
 computation of *Iosephus*, the Moon being e-
 clipsed, *Herod's* Sicknes grew more vehement,
 whereby we may perceive that God punished
 those Sins which he had committed. For he
 was enflamed with a flow Fire, which to the
 outward

outward Sense seemed not so vehement, but inwardly searched and afflicted all his Entrails : He had also a ravenous and unnatural Appetite to his Meat, which could no way be satisfied. Besides that, he had an Ulcer in his Bowels, with a strange and furious Collick, His Feet were swelled, and of a venemous Colour ; and his Head was no less affected also. His Members rotted, and were full of crawling Worms, with a filthy, and no less Priapism, accompanied with an intolerable Stench : Besides all this, he had a strong Convulsion of his Nerves, and shortness of Breath. For which Cause it was a general Opinion amongst Holy Men, and such as had knowledge of Prophecy, that the King was thus punished for his infinite Impieties and Sins committed against the Majesty of God, for he concluded his Catastrophe with a miserable Death. *Proclus* (an excellent Mathematician of his Time) observes, that an Eclipse of either Luminary happening in *Scorpio*, *Virgo*, or *Capricorn*, prenotes Scarcity of Grain and Fruit, especially of those Things sown and planted ; if it falls in *Gemini*, *Libra*, or *Aqu.* it portends Famine, and pestilent Diseases : If in *Cancer*, *Scorpio*, or *Pisces*, Death of the ignoble and common People, long Troubles, Wars, great Death of Fishes, Water-Fowles, and other Creatures living in the Sea. And if it be in *Aries*, *Leo*, or *Sagittary*, it hath great Signification of great Drought, Sedition, Controversies, and other great Calamities.

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But now to come home to *Great-Britain*, we shall take Notice of the notable Effects of Eclipses in this Kingdom. At 44 Min. past 4 in the Morning, on the 20th of *November*, in the Year 1648, an Eclipse of the Moon visible happen'd under the Meridian of *London*, on the 30th of *January* following, King *Charles* the First was most inhumanly murder'd by a wicked republican *Party* before his own Palace. On the 5th of *May*, in the Year 1650, at 50 Min. past 6 in the Afternoon, and on the 28th of *October*, in the same Year, at 41 Min. past 5 in the Morning, 2 visible Eclipses of the Moon happen'd, after which the *English* enter'd *Scotland* on the 22d of *September*, and had the Castle of *Edinburgh* surrender'd to them on the 20th of *December* following. On the 2d of *August*, in the Year 1653, at 9 in the Morning, happen'd a great Eclipse of the Sun, and at 55 Minutes past 9 at Night, on the 17th Day of the same Month; and in the same Year happen'd an Eclipse of the Moon, at which time that Pestilent Sect of the *Quakers* began to increase here. At 7 of the Clock in the Afternoon, on the 15th Day of *June*, in 1657, happen'd a total Eclipse of the Moon, and another Eclipse of the same Luminary at 31 Minutes past 5 in the Evening, on the 10th of *December* in the same Year, when on the 3d of *September* following, that Arch Traytor and Rebel *Oliver Cromwell* departed his most infamous Life. In 1665, on the 21st of *January*,
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at 47 Minutes past 4 in the Morning, happen'd a visible Eclipse of the Moon, and in *April* following began that dreadful Plague, whereof died 68748 Men, Women, and Children. And on the 22d of *June*, at 14 Minutes past 6 in the Morning, in the Year 1666, appear'd a visible Eclipse of the Sun, and on the 2d of *September* following broke out that most dreadful Fire, which laid our Metropolis almost in Ashes, for it's Flames consum'd 13200 Houses, besides Churches, Publick Halls, and other fine Edifices.

Future Events are often foreknown by natural Signs and Causes ; now these Causes are chiefly the Sun, Moon, and other Planets, together with the Constellations of Heaven, as the great Creator of all Things is pleased to testifie in these Words : *And God said, Let there be Lights in the Firmament of the Heaven, to divide the Day from the Night, and let them be for Signs and for Seasons, and for Days and Years.* Gen. i. 14. Here you may see they are ordain'd for Signs, that is to say, Tokens fore-shewing some Accident in time to be produc'd ; and therefore they are the Causes of such Accidents. See another Text in canonical Writ, to prove the Assertion. *Canst thou bind the sweet Influences of Pleiades ? Or loose the Bands of Orion ? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his Season, or canst thou guide Arcturus with his Sons ?* Job xxxviii. 31. 32. Which plainly shews the Stars to be the Causes
of

of such accidental Mutations and Changes, which oftentimes befall Empires, Kingdoms and Common-wealths. And this Eclipse of the Sun, which will be visible in our Horizon on *Friday the 22d of April, 1715*, is the greatest that hath been seen in this Nation for many Ages, as you may see by the Scheme presented to you before the Title Page.

An Explanation of the Scheme or Type of the Sun's Eclipse, delineated before the Title Page, which will happen on Friday the 22d of April, 1715.

A The *Sun*, which is totally eclipsed in the beginning of the 2d Decanate at *Taurus*.

B The *Stars*, which will be visible about the *Sun* whilst Eclipsed.

C The Centre of that part of *England* which will be most darken'd, which will be *Northampton* in *Northamptonshire*, distant from *London* 54 Miles, N. W. by N. and having Longitude 19 Degrees, 40 Minutes, Latitude 52 Degrees 36 Minutes.

D The Diameter of the *Sun*, *Moon* and *Earth*, in respect to our Horizon.

E The *East* Part of *England*, affected by this Eclipse, which will be about *St. Edmonds-*

bury in *Suffolk*, distant 60 Miles N. N. E. from *London*; and having Longitude 21 Degrees, 48 Minutes, Latitude 52 Degrees, 23 Minutes.

F. The Part of *England* which will be most affected by the Eclipse.

N. The *North* Part of *England* affected most by the Eclipse, which will be *Dronfield* in *Derbyshire*. distant 112 Miles N. N. W. from *London*; and having Longitude 19 Degrees, 4 Minutes, Latitude 54 Degrees, 5 Minutes.

S. The *South* Part of *England* most affected by the Eclipse, which will be *Southampton* in *Hampshire*, distant 62 Miles S. W. by W. from *London*; and having Longitude 19 Degrees, 12 Minutes, Latitude 50 Degrees, 36 Minutes.

W. The *West* Part of this Island must be affected by the Eclipse, which will be *Brecknock*, the chief Town in *Brecknockshire*, in *South Wales*, distant 119 Miles W. by S. from *London*; and having Longitude 16 Degrees, 32 Minutes, Latitude 52 Degrees, 21 Minutes, according to our Type, which is Calculated by *Ptolomy's* System, and not by the Theory of *Copernicus*, who most erroneously makes the *Earth* moveable, and the *Sun* a fixed Body; when the Scripture plainly confutes that Hypothesis, by *Joshua's* commanding the *Sun* to stand still, and the Dial of *Abaz*, on which the *Sun* went back 10 Deg. to strengthen *Hezekiah's* Faith.

As for the Time of the Day when this Eclipse happens on the 22d of *April*, 1715, Mr. *Flamsteed* says, that according to his Tables, from which

which he has deduced, his Figure of it, the beginning thereof will be at 8 min. after 8 in the Morning; 6 dig. of the *Sun* will be darkned at 39 min. and an half past 8, the middle or greatest Defect will be at 13 min. and an half past 9, when 11 dig. 3 qrs. will be Eclipsed; again, 6 dig. of the *Sun* will be Eclipsed at 49 min. and an half past 9, and the end of the Eclipse will be at 24 min. past 10; so that the whole duration will be 2 h. 16 min. Mr. *Whiston* says that the middle of this Eclipse, in common or apparent Time, will be 50 min. 56 sec. after 9 in the Morning, and the Digits Eclipsed at *London* will be hardly more than 11, 4, 5ths; farthermore in his Calculation of it, he desires the Inquisitive nicely to observe whether in such Places where the Eclipse is plainly total, there be not streaks of Red Light just before and after that total Darkness, and how long it is visible; for if there be, it will imply that it is an Atmosphere about the Moon that is the occasion of it. Mr. *Halley* in his Description of it says, The like Eclipse having not for many Ages been seen in the *Southern Parts of Great-Britain*, I thought it not improper to give the Publick an Account thereof, that the sudden Darkness which will be visible about the *Sun* may give no Surprise to the People; who would, if not Advertiz'd, be apt to look upon it as ominous, and to interpret it as portending evil to our Sovereign Lord King *George* and his Government, which God preserve. Hereby they will see that there is

nothing in it more than Natural, and no more than the necessary result of the Motions of the *Sun* and *Moon*, and how well these are understood will appear by this *Eclipse*. Accordingly to what has been formerly observed, compared with our best Tables, we conclude the Centre of the *Moon's* Shade will be very near the *Lizard-point*, when it is about 5 Minutes past 9 at *London*; and that from thence in 11 Minutes of Time it will traverse the whole Kingdom, passing by *Plymouth*, *Bristol*, *Gloucester*, *Daven-try*, *Peterborough* and *Boston*, near which it will leave the Island: On each side of this Tract for about 75 Miles, the *Sun* will be totally darkned; but for less and less Time, as you are nearer those which are represented in the Scheme, passing on the one side near *Chester*, *Leeds* and *Tork*; and on the other by *Chichester*, *Gravefend* and *Harwich*.

At *London* we compute the middle to fall at 13 Minutes past 9 in the Morning, when 'tis dubious whether 'twill be a total *Eclipse* or no, *London* being so near the *Southern* limit. The first beginning will be there at 7 Minutes past 8, and the end at 24 Minutes past 10. The oval Figure shews the Space, the Shadow will take up at the Time of the middle at *London*, and its Centre will pass on to the *Eastward* with a Velocity of nearly 30 Geographical Miles in a Minute of Time. The Curious are desired to observe it, and especially the duration of total Darknefs, with all the Care they can; for
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thereby the Situation and Dimensions of the Shadow will be nicely determin'd, and by Means thereof we may be enabled to predict the like Appearances for the future, to a greater Degree of Certainty than can be pretended to at present, for Want of such Observations.

Thus much as is contain'd in the above Paragraph have Mr. *Flamsteed*, Mr. *Whiston*, and Mr. *Halley* said in their several Schemes of this *Eclipse*, which will not be only visible in *England*, but be a very great one at *Stockholm*, the Capital City of *Sweden*, and at *Rome*; neither will it be invisible in *France*, for the Astronomers in *Paris* say it will be visible in their Horizon on the 3^d of *May*, N. S. and that it will begin there at 15 Minutes, 37 Seconds, after 8 in the Morning; that the middle of it will be at 31 Minutes, 9 Seconds, after Nine; the duration of it 2 Hours, 15 Minutes, 52 Seconds. The Space of the *Eclipse* will be 11 Digits, 6 Minutes towards the *North*; they call a Digit the Twelfth Part of the apparent Diameter of the *Sun* and *Moon*, and divide the Digit into 60 equal Parts, which they call Minutes.

Having Calculated this *Eclipse* of the *Sun* my self, by Mr. *Street's* *Caroline Tables*, I find the beginning thereof to be in the Meridian of *London* at 50 Seconds, 49 Minutes past 7 in the Morning; the visible Opposition at 15 Seconds, 55 Minutes past 8; the middle at 20 Seconds, 54 Minutes past 8; the end

end at 54 Second, 1 Minute past 10; the duration 2 Hours, 12 Minutes, and 4 Seconds; and the Digits *Eclipsed* 11 Degrees, 46 Minutes *North*.

Now the Places besides *Great-Britain*, *Sweden* and *Rome* that will feel the Effects of this *Eclipse*, which will continue, when they begin to operate, two Years, two Months, two Weeks, and three Days, are *Russia*, *Poland*, *Ireland*, *Lorrain*, *Campania*, *Helvetia*, *Rhetia*, *Franconia*, *Parthia*, *Persia*, *Sicily* and *Cyprus*. Then touching an Eclipse of the Sun, *Messabalah* delivers this a great Maxim, *Scito quod in eclipsi solis non potest fieri, quin significetur aliquod magnum accidens, secundum quantitatem ipsius eclipsis*. And he farther says, that to know what the Eclipse of the Sun portends, we must get the Ascendent of the middle of the Eclipse, and the Planets Predominant in the Figure, which if they shall be of a malevolent Nature, they portend Harm Damage, and the Death of Great Men; but if they be of a Benevolent Nature, they signifie Fortune, and a good State and Agreement of Things. Again he says, That when the Eclipse of the Sun shall be in either of the Fiery Signs, *Aries*, *Leo* or *Sagitaris*, it menaces the Death of Kings and Potentates; also Dryness, Barrenness of the Earth, and Famine. But if in the watry Signs, *Cancer*, *Scorpio*, or *Pisces*, it Presages abundance of Ruin, and much Hurt thereby; yet know, that the good Stars, when they

they shall be in Aspect thereof, they diminish the Evil. Understand also, That when the *Sun* or *Moon* shall be Hylech or Alchocoden of one's Nativity, and shall be eclipsed, they signifie to him (whose Hylech or Alchocoden they are) great Peril of his Life, or dangerous Infirmities, except the Fortunes shall behold them. But to conclude, As this Eclipse, which will happen on *Friday* the 22d of *April* next, falls in the 11th House, which Astrologers reckon the House of Friendship, in the Dignities of *Venus*, when in the Point of her Exaltation ; and if to these Considerations be joined the corporal Presence of *Jupiter*, in Reception with his Dispositor, and in Time of *Saturn*, I cannot find any Effects of a malignant Nature, but rather all Happiness and Prosperity, to attend this Kingdom of *Great-Britain*.

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